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CLASSIFICATION

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GROUP

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PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE

PRIORITY

COUNTRY HUNGARY

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SUBJECT

OPINIONS OF SZENTGOTTHARD REBELS

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1. REBELS IN THE SZENTGOTTHARD (N 46-57, E 16-16) AREA INTENT TO HOLD OUT AS LONG AS LONG AS POSSIBLE BUT LACK ARMS.

THEY ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF THE

BUDAPEST REBELS HOLDING OUT MUCH LONGER. THEY THEREFORE FEEL THAT MEDICAMENTS, ETC., SHOULD BE HELD IN WESTERN HUNGARY AGAINST THE TIME WHEN FIGHTING WILL BREAK OUT THERE. THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT WESTERN HUNGARY CAN BE HELD PROVIDING THEY ARE GIVEN SUPPLIES AND A LEADER OF STATUS EMERGES FROM AMONG THEMSELVES OR FROM THE EXILES TO ASSUME COMMAND AND COORDINATE THE REBEL FORCES IN WESTERN HUNGARY.

2. THE IMMEDIATE FEARS OF THE SZENTGOTTHARD REBELS IS THAT, AFTER BUDAPEST FALLS, SOVIET TROOPS WILL MOVE WEST AND THAT THE SO FAR DORMANT SOVIET GARRISONS WILL BE CALLED INTO ACTION. THEY SAY THAT A SOVIET ARTILLERY UNIT IS AT KOEREND (N 47-01, E 16-36) AND THAT AVH (SECURITY POLICE) UNITS ARE REPORTEDLY BEING REORGANIZED AND RESUPPLIED IN THE ÖRISZKÉNTPETER (N 46-50, E 16-25) AREA.

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